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The reply filed on 24 September 2008 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following two omissions or matters:

1. The Applicant is respectfully requested to clarify whether the election is being made with or without traverse.

The reply states, "As traversal, as pointed out in MPEP '803, if a search and an examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine the application on the merits even though the application includes claims to distinct or independent inventions. Applicant's position is that it would not create a serious burden on the part of the USPTO to conduct a (continued) search and examination of the entire application" (see page 2, paragraph 2 of the reply filed on 24 September 2008).

The very next paragraph of the reply states, "In order to comply with the requirement, Applicant provisionally elects, without traverse, for prosecution on the merits, Species 1; Embodiment 1; Figs. 1-2 and 4-7; including at least claims 1-2, 4-5 and 7-8" (see page 2, paragraph 3 of the reply filed on 24 September 2008).

The Applicant is respectfully requested to clarify whether the election is being made with or without traverse.

2. The Applicant is respectfully requested to include an accurate listing of all claims readable on the elected species.

As noted above, the Applicant alleges claims 7-8 read on elected Species 1. This is incorrect.

Claims 7-8 state, "the illumination start time and the illumination "on" time of the illumination areas of the illumination unit are changed adaptively and determined so as to be average values weighted with a number of display data to be displayed at an area among values dependent on the individual display data according to the response of the liquid crystal display part after data emphasis and conversion."

Such subject matter reads on non-elected Species 2 (see Page 14, Lines 11-16 of the Specification).

The Applicant is respectfully requested to include an accurate listing of all claims readable on the elected species.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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